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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for 1959





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June 1960.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Clacton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the state of Public Health in the Urban District of Clacton for 1959. The excellent summer of 1959 will long be remembered; in Clacton the amount of sunshine recorded was 2055.1 hours which is the highest since recording started in 1900. The rainfall of 15.21 inches was the lowest since 1933.

Examination of the tables appearing elsewhere in the report will indicate the low incidence of Poliomyelitis, although in other parts of the country outbreaks of this disease were manifest. There can be little doubt that immunisation against Poliomyelitis is playing its part in the limitation of outbreaks, but there is much yet to be learnt about the behaviour of the Polio virus.

The tragic death from Poliomyelitis of a professional footballer during the early part of the year stimulated the polio immunisation campaign to a surprising extent. The death of this young man caused many thousands of young men and women to take advantage of the facilities Local Health Authorities had made available for immunisation against Poliomyelitis. It is difficult to reconcile the fact that it is necessary for an event of this nature to occur before many sections of the Community become aware of their own vulnerability.

In each of my districts there has been a greater number of children immunised against diphtheria and whooping cough and vaccinated against smallpox. This is most encouraging and it is to be hoped that parents will continue to take advantage of the facilities offered by their Family Doctors and also by the clinics in the area.

The housing project which was commenced during the year, in converting an orphanage the Council has acquired into flats, has gone ahead well and many are now occupied. There



are few houses that require demolition in the town, but at present the lack of new houses, available for rehousing the people displaced from houses, on which demolition orders have already been placed, causes me a certain amount of concern. The Housing Committee are now giving consideration to this problem.

We have continued to conduct the classes in Food Hygiene which we commenced three years ago. The classes are always well attended by an enthusiastic audience. I think the benefit derived from these classes has been manifest by the improvement in the standard of cleanliness and food handling in many catering establishments and food shops in the town.

During the year much attention was drawn in the National Press to the pollution of the sea by sewage. It was thought by many that there might be a health danger to sea bathers. This possible source of disease had not escaped notice and for several years many of us have been investigating the problems associated with bathing in sea water into which sewage effluent had been discharged. The report of the Medical Research Council has now been published on sewage contamination of bathing beaches. There is no evidence that bathing in the sea is a risk to health. However the report recommends, as indeed I have advocated to this Council for several years, that beaches which are aesthetically revolting should receive attention.

The population of the district is increasing, and the Registrar General's estimate of the population in mid 1959 was 380 greater than in 1958. There is little doubt that the electrification of the railway to London will cause this increase in population to continue, probably at a greater rate than has been evident previously. The birth rate is lower by 1.4 than in 1958, but the death rate remains the same. The infant mortality rate is lower but .3 above the National average, and the stillbirth rate of 14.7 is lower than the previous year and also lower than the National rate.

It is a pleasure to record my thanks to the Public Health Committee and the Council for their co-operation during the year. To the staff of the Public Health Department I express my appreciation for the loyal work during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R.D.PEARCE,

Medical Officer of Health.

# STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

|  |                                   |                           |          |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| Urban District                               | ...                               | Urban District of Clacton |          |
| Area in acres                                | ...                               |                           | 6,807    |
| Population:                                  |                                   |                           |          |
|  | 1951 Census                       | ...                       | 24,065   |
|  | 1959 Registrar General's estimate |                           | 25,480   |
| Density of Population per acre               | ...                               |                           | 3.74     |
| Rateable Value                               | ...                               |                           | £506,516 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate              | ...                               |                           | £2,010   |
| Number of inhabited houses                   | ...                               |                           | 10,600   |
| Total Live Births                            | ...                               |                           | 269      |
| Birth rate (crude)                           | ...                               |                           | 10.6     |
| Birth rate (corrected)                       | ...                               |                           | 13.0     |
| Birth rate (England and Wales)               | ...                               |                           | 16.5     |
| Number of illegitimate births                | ...                               |                           | 19       |
| Percentage of total live births              | ...                               |                           | 7.1      |
| Total live and still births                  | ...                               |                           | 273      |
| Total still births                           | ...                               |                           | 4        |
| Still birth rate                             | ...                               |                           | 14.7     |
| Still birth rate (England and Wales)         | ...                               |                           | 20.7     |
| Total Deaths                                 | ...                               |                           | 412      |
| Death Rate (crude)                           | ...                               |                           | 16.2     |
| Death rate (corrected)                       | ...                               |                           | 11.5     |
| Death rate (England and Wales)               | ...                               |                           | 11.6     |
| Death of infants under 1 year of age         | ...                               |                           | 6        |
| Infant Mortality Rate                        | ...                               |                           | 22.3     |
| Infant Mortality Rate (England and Wales)    | ...                               |                           | 22.0     |
| Infant Mortality Rate - legitimate           | ...                               |                           | 24.0     |
| Infant Mortality Rate - illegitimate         | ...                               |                           | Nil      |
| Neo-natal Mortality Rate                     | ...                               |                           | 11.2     |
| Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate               | ...                               |                           | 11.2     |
| Perinatal Mortality rate                     | ...                               |                           | 25.6     |
| Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) | ...                               |                           | Nil      |
| Maternal Deaths                              | ...                               |                           | Nil      |
| Maternal Mortality Rate                      | ...                               |                           | Nil      |
| Cancer Deaths                                | ...                               |                           | 78       |
| Tuberculosis Deaths                          | ...                               |                           | 1        |

# LIVE BIRTHS DURING 1959

|              |     | Male | Female | Total |
|--------------|-----|------|--------|-------|
| Legitimate   | ... | 133  | 117    | 250   |
| Illegitimate | ... | 9    | 10     | 19    |
| Totals:      |     | 142  | 127    | 269   |

## CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1959 (R.G.)

|  |     | Male | Female | Total |
|--|-----|------|--------|-------|
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis                 |     | 1    | -      | 1     |
| Cancer                                 | ... | 42   | 36     | 78    |
| Leukaemia                              | ... | 2    | -      | 2     |
| Diabetes                               | ... | -    | 3      | 3     |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system     |     | 32   | 43     | 75    |
| Heart Disease                          | ... | 61   | 77     | 138   |
| Other Circulatory Diseases             |     | 12   | 8      | 20    |
| Influenza                              | ... | 5    | 1      | 6     |
| Pneumonia                              | ... | 6    | 8      | 14    |
| Bronchitis                             | ... | 12   | 5      | 17    |
| Other diseases of respiratory system   |     | 3    | -      | 3     |
| Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum          |     | -    | 1      | 1     |
| Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea     |     | -    | 1      | 1     |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis                |     | 2    | 1      | 3     |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate                |     | 2    | -      | 2     |
| Congenital malformations               |     | 1    | 1      | 2     |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases |     | 15   | 22     | 37    |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents                |     | 1    | 1      | 2     |
| All other Accidents                    |     | 1    | 5      | 6     |
| Suicide                                | ... | -    | 1      | 1     |
| All causes                             |     | 198  | 214    | 412   |

## DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGES DURING 1959

|                       |     |     |     |            |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| Under 1 year          | ... | ... | ... | 6          |
| 1 and under 5 years   | ... | ... | ... | -          |
| 5 and under 15 years  | ... | ... | ... | -          |
| 15 and under 25 years | ... | ... | ... | 2          |
| 25 and under 45 years | ... | ... | ... | 3          |
| 45 and under 65 years | ... | ... | ... | 87         |
| 65 and under 75 years | ... | ... | ... | 127        |
| 75 and upwards        | ... | ... | ... | 187        |
| Total:                |     |     |     | <u>412</u> |

## PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

| Disease           | Total cases notified | Cases admitted to Hospital | Total Deaths |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Dysentery         | 1                    | -                          | -            |
| Erysipelas        | 4                    | 1                          | -            |
| Food Poisoning    | 2                    | 2                          | -            |
| Measles           | 140                  | 1                          | -            |
| Poliomyelitis     | 2                    | 2                          | -            |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | 1                    | 1                          | -            |
| Scarlet Fever     | 14                   | 1                          | -            |
| Whooping Cough    | 11                   | 1                          | -            |
|                   | <u>175</u>           | <u>9</u>                   | <u>-</u>     |



# IMMUNISATION IN 1959

## DIPHTHERIA

|            | Primary Course | Boosting Dose |
|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Age: 0 - 5 | 217            | } 66          |
| 5 - 15     | 12             |               |

## WHOOPING COUGH

|            |     |   |
|------------|-----|---|
| Age: 0 - 5 | 138 | 3 |
| 5 - 15     | 3   | - |

## POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

|            | Two Injections | Third Injection |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Age: 0 - 5 | 363            | 628             |
| 5 - 15     | 463            | 1,682           |

## TUBERCULOSIS

Particulars of cases notified and deaths occurring during the year 1959 are given below:-

| Ages<br>in Years | New Cases   |   |                 |   | Deaths      |   |                 |   |
|------------------|-------------|---|-----------------|---|-------------|---|-----------------|---|
|                  | Respiratory |   | Non-Respiratory |   | Respiratory |   | Non-Respiratory |   |
|                  | M           | F | M               | F | M           | F | M               | F |
| 0 - 1            | -           | - | -               | - | -           | - | -               | - |
| 1 - 5            | -           | - | -               | - | -           | - | -               | - |
| 5 - 15           | -           | - | -               | - | -           | - | -               | - |
| 15 - 25          | 1           | 1 | -               | - | -           | - | -               | - |
| 25 - 35          | -           | - | -               | 2 | -           | - | -               | - |
| 35 - 45          | -           | 2 | -               | - | -           | - | -               | - |
| 45 - 55          | -           | - | -               | - | -           | - | -               | - |
| 55 - 65          | -           | - | -               | - | -           | - | -               | - |
| 65 upwards       | 1           | - | -               | - | 3           | - | -               | - |
| Totals:          | 2           | 3 | -               | 2 | 3           | - | -               | - |

Notifications and deaths from Tuberculosis since 1956:

| Year | New Cases | Deaths |
|------|-----------|--------|
| 1956 | 12        | 1      |
| 1957 | 11        | 3      |
| 1958 | 6         | 2      |
| 1959 | 7         | 3      |

The following figures give the number of cases on the register at the end of 1959:-

|                    |       |                        |       |
|--------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| Respiratory Male   | 86    | Non-Respiratory Male   | 7     |
| Respiratory Female | 57    | Non-Respiratory Female | 23    |
|                    | <hr/> |                        | <hr/> |
|                    | 143   |                        | 30    |
|                    | <hr/> |                        | <hr/> |

Total Cases: 173.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

Under the provisions of these Acts the Council, through its Medical Officer, is empowered to seek the removal of necessitous cases to a hospital or institution.

No action required during 1959.

Arrangements were made informally for the following:-

Two aged persons - Health Visitor to call regularly.

Three aged persons - Home Helps provided.

Two aged persons - Names placed on waiting list for admission to a Home.

Two aged persons - Admitted to Hospital.

# FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS

| Total number of out-breaks | Number of cases | Number of deaths | Organisms or other agents responsible with number of outbreaks attributable to each. | Food involved with number of outbreaks associated with each food |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--|--|
| 1                          | 2               | -                | Staph. aureus<br>1   | Ham<br>1   |

## LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS OF WATER, FOOD, ETC.

### (a) WATER

| Examination     | Supply          | Very satis-<br>factory | Satis-<br>factory | Sus-<br>picious | Un-<br>satis-<br>factory |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Bacteriological | C.U.D.C.        | 36                     | 4                 | 2               | -                        |
| Bacteriological | Private Sources | -                      | -                 | -               | -                        |

### (b) MILK

|                  |    |              |
|------------------|----|--------------|
| Sterilised       | 4  | Satisfactory |
| Pasteurised      | 12 | Satisfactory |
| Pasteurised T.T. | 2  | Satisfactory |

### (c) ICE CREAM

|    | Grade I | Grade II | Grade III | Grade IV |
|----|---------|----------|-----------|----------|
| 27 | 15      | 5        | 3         | 4        |

(d) OTHER FOODS

| Food                    | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Lollies                 | 5            | 1              |
| Soft Drinks             | 6            | -              |
| Artificial Cream        | 1            | -              |
| Cake                    | 1            | -              |
| Salmon                  | 1            | -              |
| Tomato                  | 1            | -              |
| Lettuce                 | 2            | -              |
| Egg and Cucumber        | 1            | -              |
| Cheese and Tomato Roll  | 1            | -              |
| Steak and Onion Roll    | 1            | -              |
| Steak                   | 1            | -              |
| Bacon                   | -            | 1              |
| Brisket                 | 1            | -              |
| Meat Pie                | 1            | -              |
| Haslet                  | 2            | 2              |
| Jellied Veal            | 1            | -              |
| Beef                    | 1            | -              |
| Pork Luncheon Meat      | 1            | -              |
| Ham                     | 5            | 5              |
| Bread Crumbs            | 1            | 1              |
| Sausages                | 1            | -              |
| Apple Pasty             | 2            | -              |
| Baked Tart              | 1            | -              |
| Swab of Slicing Machine | 2            | -              |

(e) CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF FOOD

|                      | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Steak and Kidney Pie | -            | 1              |
| Slices of Bread      | 1            | 1              |
| Loaf of Bread        | -            | 1              |

|                      | Positive | Negative |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| (f) FAECAL SPECIMENS | 12       | 21       |
| VOMIT SPECIMENS      | -        | 1        |
| NASAL SPECIMENS      | 1        | 3        |
| THROAT SPECIMENS     | -        | 3        |

(g) WATER COURSES

|                 | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Bacteriological | 3            | 16             |
| Chemical        | 1            | 2              |



|                            | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| (h) SUBSTANCE IN SEA WATER | -            | 1 (Lub. oil)   |

(i) MACHINE CLEANSED BOTTLES

| Type          | Bottles | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|---------------|---------|--------------|----------------|
| Beer          | 12      | 6            | 6              |
| Mineral Water | 6       | 6            | -              |
| Milk          | 80      | 72           | 8              |
|               | <hr/>   | <hr/>        | <hr/>          |
|               | 98      | 84           | 14             |
|               | <hr/>   | <hr/>        | <hr/>          |

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### WATER SUPPLY

471,362,000 gallons were supplied, all of which was of a satisfactory quality.

The supply is chlorinated and no plumbo-solvent action is evident.

11,800 premises in the Urban District receive a supply of piped water. 20 properties, excluding Jaywick, are supplied by means of standpipes.

The summer population is approximately 80,000.

#### SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

The following is a synopsis of the principal work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during 1959:-

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Inspections (Public Health and Housing Acts) | 2073 |
| Other Inspections ... ..                     | 2868 |
| Informal Notices served ... ..               | 256  |
| Informal Notices complied with ... ..        | 230  |
| Formal Notices served ... ..                 | 5    |
| Formal Notices complied with ... ..          | 2    |

The following are the principal improvements obtained:-

#### HOUSES

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Overcrowded ... ..                   | 1 |
| Verminous ... ..                     | 3 |
| Damp ... ..                          | 2 |
| Defective pointing of external walls | 3 |

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Defective brickwork of external walls   | 3  |
| Defective roofs ...                     | 7  |
| Defective plaster of walls and ceilings | 12 |
| Defective floors ...                    | 2  |
| Defective windows and frames            | 12 |
| Want of ventilation ...                 | 1  |
| Defective fireplaces ...                | 3  |
| Defective doors or door frames          | 5  |
| Want of or defective skirting boards    | 1  |
| Water supply cut off or insufficient    | 4  |
| Other defects ...                       | 4  |
| DRAINAGE                                |    |
| Defective drainage ...                  | 6  |
| Stopped drains ...                      | 54 |
| Defective sink, wast pipe, etc.         | 6  |
| Cesspools abolished ...                 | 29 |
| Properties drained to sewer             | 29 |
| Other defects ...                       | 35 |
| CLOSETS                                 |    |
| Structure defective ...                 | 3  |
| Broken closet pedestal and pan          | 4  |
| Defective flushing apparatus            | 7  |
| Other defects ...                       | 3  |
| PAVING                                  |    |
| Yard, passage or path defective         | 1  |
| OTHER NUISANCES                         |    |
| Accumulations ...                       | 11 |
| Other outside defects ...               | 8  |
| DUSTBINS                                |    |
| Defective or insufficient ...           | 48 |
| FOOD PREMISES                           |    |
| Want of washing facilities ...          | 3  |
| Want of cleanliness ...                 | 2  |
| Condition of floors ...                 | 1  |
| Condition of ceilings ...               | 2  |

|                                   |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Unsuitable fittings and equipment | 2  |
| Want of hot water                 | 5  |
| Sanitary Accommodation            | 5  |
| Other defects                     | 19 |
| Defects in drainage               | 2  |

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| MISCELLANEOUS | 14 |
|---------------|----|

#### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

- (a) Work carried out by the Council during 1959.
- (i) Thorpe Road - 9" dia. foul sewer - 710 lin. yds.  
Craigfield Avenue to Burrs Road - 12" dia. s.w. sewer - 90 lin. yds.
- (b) Work carried out by Private Developers.
- (i) Prince Phillip Avenue - 9" dia. foul sewer - 97 lin. yds.
- (ii) Wyndham Crescent - 6" dia foul sewer - 192 lin. yds
- (iii) Hill Road - 9" dia. foul sewer - 290 lin. yds.
- (iv) Hill Road - 6" dia.foul sewer - 280 lin. yds.
- (v) Service Road - Holland Road opposite Holland Road Schools - 9" foul sewer - 143 lin. yds.
- (vi) Norwood Avenue - 9" foul sewer - 121 lin. yds.
- (vii) Chaucer Close - 6" foul sewer - 93 lin. yds.
- (viii) Tudor Green - 6" foul sewer - 70 lin. yds.
- (c) No new sewage disposal works have been erected nor have any important additions been made to existing works.

#### DRAINAGE - BURRSVILLE PARK ESTATE

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Premises redrained and connected to the sewer | 5 |
| Cesspools abolished                           | 5 |

#### CHILBURN, LONDON AND THORPE ROAD AREAS

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Premises redrained and connected to the sewer | 24 |
| Cesspools abolished                           | 24 |

#### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Number of infested Houses   | 4 |
| Number of infested Caravans | 3 |

## DISINFECTION

11 rooms, bedding, etc., disinfected  
5 quantities of bedding, etc., steam disinfected.  
83 library books disinfected.

## VERMIN, etc.

6 rooms fumigated.  
14 houses fumigated.  
3 caravans fumigated.

## PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

|                         |     |    |
|-------------------------|-----|----|
| Premises registered     | ... | 6  |
| Inspections at premises | ... | 15 |

## SHOPS ACT, 1950

367 Inspections were made and the requirements of the Act were explained where necessary. Four defects were dealt with.

Six contraventions of Section 1 of the Shops Act 1950 dealing with the closing of shops on the weekly half holiday were reported to the Council, and resulted in warning letters being sent to the six shopkeepers.

## RAG FLOCK ACT, 1951

There are no manufacturers of Rag Flock within the Urban District.

## BATHING POOLS

Bathing pools are provided by two of the private companies catering for holiday visitors.

(a) Here there are two pools, an indoor one (180,000 gallons) and an outdoor one (250,000 gallons) which are interconnected. These pools are fed by the town mains, and the main purification treatment is by chlorination. Provision is made for heating the water. There is a complete change of water every ten hours.

(b) Here there is one pool, an open-air one fed by filtered sea-water, the main purification treatment being by means of chlorination. It holds 315,000 gallons, and there is a complete change of water every ten hours.



10 samples of water were submitted from the three bathing pools in the District for bacteriological examination; all were satisfactory.

15 Residual Chlorine Tests were carried out; all were satisfactory.

#### DISEASE OF ANIMALS ACT, 1950

The Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957.

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Operators licensed      | 8  |
| Inspections at premises | 16 |

#### CARAVANS AND CAMPING SITES

There are 16 licensed camping grounds in the District. In addition licences were issued in respect of three individual moveable dwellings.

128 inspections were made of camping sites and moveable dwellings.

#### PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

1548 Visits by Public Health Inspectors.  
2267 Visits by Rodent Operators.

#### FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948.

##### PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

| Premises<br>(1)  | Number<br>on Reg-<br>ister<br>(2) | Number of<br>Inspec-<br>tions<br>(3) | Written<br>Notices<br>(4) | Occupiers<br>prosecuted<br>(5) |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | 20                                | 20                                   | -                         | -                              |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 132                               | 73                                   | 1                         | -                              |

| Premises<br>(1)   | Number<br>on Reg-<br>ister<br>(2) | Number of<br>Inspec-<br>tions<br>(3) | Written<br>Notices<br>(4) | Occupiers<br>prosecuted<br>(5) |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (iii) Other premises in<br>which Section 7 is<br>enforced by the Local<br>Authority (excluding<br>outworkers' premises) | 4                                 | 4                                    | -                         | -                              |
| TOTALS:   | 156                               | 97                                   | 1                         | -                              |

2. Cases in which defects were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".)

| Particulars<br>(1)  | No. of cases in which defects<br>were found. |                 |  |                              | Number of<br>cases in<br>which<br>prosecu-<br>tions were<br>instituted<br>(6) |
|---|--|-----------------|--|------------------------------|---|
|   | Found<br>(2)                                 | Remedied<br>(3) | Referred<br>To H.M.<br>Inspection<br>(4) | By H.M.<br>Inspection<br>(5) |   |
| Want of<br>Cleanliness (S.1)  | -  | 1               | -  | -                            | -   |
| Overcrowding (S.2)  | -  | -               | -  | -                            | -   |
| Unreasonable<br>temperature (S.3)   | -  | -               | -  | -                            | -   |
| Inadequate<br>ventilation (S.4)   | -  | -               | -  | -                            | -   |
| Ineffective drain-<br>age of floors (S.6)   | -  | -               | -  | -                            | -   |
| Sanitary<br>Conveniences (S.7)  |  |                 |  |                              |   |
| (a) Insufficient  | 1  | 1               | -  | 1                            | -   |
| (b) Unsuitable or<br>Defective  | -  | 2               | -  | -                            | -   |
| (c) Not separate<br>for sexes   | -  | -               | -  | -                            | -   |
| Other offences<br>against the Act<br>(not including<br>offences relating<br>to Outwork) | 7  | 17              | -  | 5                            | -   |
| Totals:   | 8  | 21              | -  | 6                            | -   |

# PART VIII OF THE ACT

## OUTWORK (Section 110)

| Nature of work               | No of Out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1)(c) | Section 110  |  | Section 111   |
|------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
|                              |   | No of cases of default in sending lists to the Council | Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists | Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises |
| (1)                          | (2)   | (3)  | (4)  | (5)   |
| Wearing Apparel, Making etc. | 42  | -  | -  | -   |

47 Inspections at Outworkers' premises.

## HOUSING

### INSPECTION

Total number of houses inspected for housing defects under Housing or Public Health Acts 260

### HOUSING ACTS

|  |     |     |     |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of Houses in respect of which demolition orders were made | ... | ... | Nil |
| Houses demolished  | ... | ... | 5   |
| Number of Houses in respect of which closing orders were made    | ... | ... | Nil |
| Houses closed  | ... | ... | 1   |
| Houses closed now demolished                                     | ... | ... | 4   |
| Houses inspected for overcrowding or permitted numbers           | ... | ... | 6   |

### RENT ACT, 1957

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Application for certificates of disrepair                   | 1 |
| Number of decisions not to issue certificates               | - |
| Number of decisions to issue certificates                   | 1 |
| Number of undertakings given by landlords to remedy defects | 2 |
| Number of undertakings refused                              | - |
| Number of Certificates issued                               | 2 |

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Applications for cancellation of certificates | 3   |
| Certificates cancelled                        | ... |
|   | 3   |

## REPAIRS

|   |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|
| Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the year as a result of INFORMAL ACTION under the Housing or Public Health Acts. | ... | 157 |
|---|-----|-----|

### Public Health Acts - action after service of Formal Notice:

|   |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|
| Houses in which defects were remedied:- |     |     |
| By Owners                               | ... | 2   |
| By Local Authority                      | ... | Nil |

### NEW HOUSES AND FLATS ERECTED DURING 1959

|                           |     |       |
|---------------------------|-----|-------|
| By Private Enterprise     | ... | 298   |
| By the Council            | ... | --    |
| Conversion by the Council | ... | 23    |
|                           |     | <hr/> |
|                           |     | 321   |
|                           |     | <hr/> |

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Total Houses erected since 1946 | 2,028 |
|---------------------------------|-------|

### Applicants for Council Houses

8 Applications were supported with medical certificates.

## FOOD

The following list shows the number of premises at which food for human consumption is sold or prepared and the number of visits paid to them:-

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| 86 Cafes and Restaurants  | 201 |
| 7 School Canteens         | 8   |
| 26 Butchers' Shops        | 103 |
| 12 Fish Friers            | 42  |
| 15 Wet Fish Shops         | 22  |
| 17 Bread and Cake Shops   | 32  |
| 91 General Grocers        | 97  |
| 24 Greengrocers           | 51  |
| 1 Slaughterhouse          | 23  |
| 36 Hawkers                | 12  |
| 3 Ice Cream Manufacturers | 14  |
| 234 Ice Cream Vendors     | 87  |



|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| 12 Bakehouses | 32         |
| 5 Dairies     | 17         |
| 66 Milkshops  | 102        |
| Total Visits: | <u>843</u> |

## LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

A local trader was successfully prosecuted under the provisions of Section 8 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for selling a steak and kidney pie which was unfit for human consumption, being seriously affected with mould.

The trader, in turn, summoned the manufacturer for supplying the pie in a mouldy condition, but the magistrates dismissed this case.

The magistrates awarded £30 costs to the Council, £100 costs to the manufacturer, and imposed a £10 fine on the trader.

## REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

The number of premises registered pursuant to Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act is as follows:-

|   |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|
| Sausage Meat, Pressed, Pickled and Preserved Meat | ... | 26  |
| Sale of Ice Cream                                 | ... | 232 |
| Manufacture of Ice Cream                          |     | 3   |
| Storage of Ice Cream                              | ... | 2   |

## INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There is one licensed Slaughterhouse which is privately owned and used to a limited extent only. There is one licensed slaughterman in the district.

The following list gives details of the diseased or unsound meat and other foods found unfit for human consumption. They were surrendered voluntarily and destroyed or used for animal feeding.

Unsound food dealt with by the Council is disposed of at the Controlled Tip.

|                  |     |     |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| 219 Tins of Meat | ... | 986 |
| 27 Tins of Fish  | ... | 30  |
| 48 Tins of Milk  | ... |     |

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
|                                  | lbs |
| 464 Tins of Fruit and Vegetables | 983 |
| 58 Tins of Other Goods           | 82  |
| 56 lbs of Bacon                  |     |
| 106 lbs of Ham                   |     |
| 78 lbs of Beef                   |     |
| 575 lbs of Fish                  |     |
| 13 lbs of Lamb                   |     |
| 7 lbs of Kidney                  |     |
| 1 lb of Liver                    |     |
| 318 lbs of Fruit and Vegetables  |     |
| 116 cases of oranges             |     |
| 25 jars of Horseradish           |     |
| 5 gallons of Winkles             |     |
| 1 Turkey                         |     |
| 3 Pork Pies                      |     |
| 2 gallons of Ice Cream.          |     |

# CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

|   | Cattle<br>exclud-<br>ing<br>Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep<br>and<br>Lambs | Pigs |
|---|----------------------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|
| Number killed (if known)  | 15                               | -    | 1      | 70                    | 51   |
| Number inspected  | 15                               | -    | 1      | 70                    | 51   |
| Diseases except<br>Tuberculosis and<br>Cysticerci:  |                                  |      |        |                       |      |
| Whole carcasses condemned   | -                                | -    | 1      | -                     | -    |
| Carcasses of which some<br>part or organ was<br>condemned   | 3                                | -    | -      | -                     | 4    |
| Percentage of the number<br>inspected affected with<br>disease other than<br>Tuberculosis and<br>Cysticerci | 20                               | -    | 100    | -                     | 7.84 |
| <u>Tuberculosis only:</u>   |                                  |      |        |                       |      |
| Whole carcasses condemned   | -                                | -    | -      | -                     | -    |
| Carcasses of which some<br>part or organ was<br>condemned   | 2                                | -    | -      | -                     | -    |
| Percentage of the number<br>inspected affected with<br>Tuberculosis   | 13.3                             | -    | -      | -                     | -    |

|  | Cattle<br>exclud-<br>ing<br>Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep<br>and<br>Lambs | Pigs |
|--|----------------------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|
| <u>Cysticercosis:</u>                                    |                                  |      |        |                       |      |
| Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was<br>condemned | -                                | -    | -      | -                     | -    |
| Carcases submitted to<br>treatment by<br>refrigeration   | -                                | -    | -      | -                     | -    |
| Generalised and totally<br>condemned                     | -                                | -    | -      | -                     | -    |

Diseases except Tuberculosis - Weight Condemned  
205 lbs.

Tuberculosis - Weight Condemned 1 lb.

#### MILK SUPPLY

The milk supply for the Urban District is obtained from three Dairy Companies in the Area and one Dairyman whose premises are situated in the Tendring Rural District.

#### MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1949 - 1954.

The following table sets out the number of Registrations and Licences in force:-

|                      |     |    |
|----------------------|-----|----|
| Dairies              | ... | 5  |
| Distributors of Milk |     | 66 |

Dealers' Licences authorising the use of Special Designations:

|                   |     |    |
|-------------------|-----|----|
| Pasteurised       | ... | 46 |
| Sterilised        | ... | 58 |
| Tuberculin Tested | ... | 25 |

Dealer's Supplementary Licence authorising the use of Special Designations:

|   |     |   |
|---|-----|---|
| Pasteurised, sterilised, and tuberculin<br>tested | ... | 1 |
|---|-----|---|

#### ICE CREAM

There are 3 Manufacturers and 234 Vendors operating in the Urban District.

## BAKEHOUSES

There are twelve Bakehouses in the Urban District.  
None of them is an underground bakehouse.

32 Inspections were made during the year.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

Particulars of samples taken under the above Act in  
the Clacton Urban District by the Weights and Measures  
Department of the Essex County Council during 1959:-

| Type of Sample        | Number of<br>Samples | Taken at wholesalers<br>who deliver in<br>District |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Baking Powder         | -                    | 1  |
| Beef Sausages         | -                    | 2  |
| Blackcurrant Preserve | 1                    | -  |
| Butter                | 3                    | 6  |
| Bramble Preserve      | -                    | 1  |
| Buttered Sweets       | -                    | 19   |
| Bread and Butter      | 1                    | -  |
| Coffee                | 1                    | 1  |
| Liquid Coffee Essence | 2                    | -  |
| Five Cooked Meats     | -                    | 5  |
| Cornflour             | 1                    | -  |
| Curry                 | -                    | 3  |
| Cochineal Essence     | 1                    | -  |
| Drinking Chocolate    | 1                    | -  |
| Desiccated Coconut    | 2                    | -  |
| Demarara              | 1                    | -  |
| Dried Fruit           | 5                    | -  |
| Fish Paste            | 2                    | 4  |
| Gelatine              | -                    | 1  |
| Greengage Preserve    | -                    | 1  |
| Ground Almond         | 1                    | -  |
| Jelly                 | 1                    | 1  |
| Luncheon Sausage      | 1                    | -  |
| Marmalade             | 1                    | 1  |
| Margarine             | -                    | 2  |
| Meat Paste            | 1                    | 1  |
| Milks                 | 39                   | 2  |
| Mint                  | 1                    | -  |
| Mixed Ground Spice    | 1                    | -  |
| Pepper                | 1                    | -  |
| Plain Flour           | 1                    | 3  |
| Pork Sausages         | -                    | 2  |



| Type of Sample | Number of<br>Samples | Taken at wholesalers<br>who deliver in<br>District |
|----------------|----------------------|--|
| Potato Crisps  | 1                    | -  |
| S. R. Flour    | -                    | 1  |
| Saccharin      | -                    | 1  |
| Salad Cream    | -                    | 1  |
| Semolina       | 2                    | -  |
| Soft Drinks    | 1                    | 11   |
| Soya Flour     | 1                    | -  |
| Teas           | 4                    | -  |
| Tomato Ketchup | 1                    | 2  |
| Redcurrant     | 1                    | -  |
| Vinegar        | -                    | 1  |
| Spirits        | 6                    | -  |
|                | <hr/> 86             | <hr/> 73   |

All the above samples proved to be genuine.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

### REFUSE COLLECTION

There has been no change in the fleet of refuse collection vehicles during the year. The large number of new properties and conversions of existing properties into flats over the last few years has provided the department with a considerable increase in the quantity of refuse to be removed. The time is rapidly approaching when the present fleet of vehicles will be unable to cope with this increase.

The Bedford 30 cwt lorry which was originally purchased for emptying the hopper of the now dismantled incinerator and which is now mainly used for salvage collection is eleven years old. Serious consideration will have to be given to replacing it in the near future with a larger and more suitable vehicle.

### REFUSE DISPOSAL

During most of the year, controlled tipping was carried out at Rush Green, but in October the department started tipping at the newly acquired sandpits at the western end of St. John's Road. It is intended to use these pits for controlled tipping during the winter months only, because of the traffic problem and the additional time spent in

journeying to the tip during the busy holiday season. During the summer, the refuse will be disposed of by controlled tipping at Rush Green.

The St. John's Road sandpits and Rush Green have only a limited life as sites for refuse disposal and the search for alternative sites continues.

#### GULLY CLEANSING

The Gully Cleansing and Cesspool Emptying Machine continues to give satisfactory service, and has been hired out for gully and cesspool emptying by neighbouring authorities.

#### STREET CLEANSING

In the last Report, mention was made of the need for a mechanical sweeper to cope with the ever-increasing lengths of road which require to be cleansed. It is a pleasure to report that such a sweeper was purchased and despite some early teething troubles, it has given some excellent service. The continuing development of the town demands an expanding cleansing service, and full advantage must be taken of mechanical aids.

Despite recent legislation dealing with litter, the problem last year was greater than ever. The long fine summer brought increased numbers of holiday makers and day visitors, together with a record amount of litter. The provision of yet more litter baskets and the employment of a larger number of men collecting the litter should reduce the nuisance this year. This litter problem remains a national one, requiring a long-term policy of education in civic pride.

#### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

There are 23 public conveniences in the district. During the year the alterations and improvements to the Garden Road, Jaywick convenience were completed; the provision of washing facilities here was greatly appreciated by the public.

The development of the district, particularly at Holland-on-Sea, will require the provision of additional conveniences, and there is still a pressing need for the enlargement of certain of the existing conveniences.

It will be necessary in the coming year to decide upon the whole matter of the future policy, including an order of priorities, regarding public conveniences in the district.

## ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

During the year two sites dealing with the measurement of Atmospheric Pollution were opened.

One is situated in the grounds of the Ogilvie School of Recovery, Holland Road, Clacton, consisting of an Atmospheric Deposit Gauge for measuring deposited matter, and a Lead Peroxide Instrument for measuring sulphur dioxide. These are changed each month and sent away for examination.

The other site in the Public Health Department, Clacton consists of a combined smoke filter and volumetric sulphur dioxide bubbler. Air is drawn in from outside, measured, and passed through a smoke filter and then through the sulphur dioxide bubbler. The filter paper and bubbler solution are changed daily, and examined in the Public Health Department to find the amount of smoke trapped by the filter paper and sulphur dioxide found in the solution.

The results so far show that Clacton as was expected has a remarkably clean air.

